

Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body:

Who are we, what is CMSP, And what's its link to you?

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NOP BACKGROUND

- National Ocean Policy (NOP) was created through Executive Order (E.O.) by President Obama
- The E.O. adopted the Final Recommendations of the Ocean Policy
 Taskforce as the NOP, which included a Framework for Coastal and
 Marine Spatial Planning that called for creation of RPBs
- NOP does not change existing or create new regulatory authorities, and does not supercede state/territorial laws
- States/territories are not required to participate, but hopefully the benefits are significant enough to engage

PI RPB BACKGROUND

- The Pacific Islands RPB consists of 17 members
- Members represent federal agencies, and state and territorial governments, and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Federal and non-federal co-leads
 - Currently: Mike Tosatto (NOAA) and Jesse Souki (Hawaii DLNR)
- The goal is to create a coastal and marine spatial plan and supporting products



WHAT IS MARINE PLANNING (CMSP)?

- A regional, comprehensive, adaptive, integrated, ecosystembased, and transparent planning process
 - Based on sound science
 - Used to analyze current and anticipated uses of ocean and coastal areas
- Provides transparent information about ocean uses, guarantees stakeholders a voice in decisions, and creates an inclusive bottom-up science-informed public policy planning process
- Identifies areas most suitable for various types of activities to facilitate compatible uses, reduce conflicts among users, reduce environmental impacts, and preserve critical ecosystem services

WHY IS CMSP IMPORTANT?

- Lack of coordinated management results in ineffective planning, avoidable delays, and increased costs and conflicts
- There are many ocean uses: commercial fishing, shipping, energy development, aquaculture, and more
- Overlapping uses and differing views about which activities should occur where can generate conflicts and misunderstandings.

BENEFITS OF CMSP

- Coordinated actions and decision making across multiple layers of government
- Increased certainty and predictability
- Facilitation of compatible uses
- Coordinated mapping assets

NATIONAL RPB UPDATE

The following RPBs have not yet been formed for various reason:

- West Coast
- Gulf of Mexico
- South Atlantic
- Great Lakes
- Alaska

NATIONAL UPDATE AND WHERE WE ARE

	Next Meeting	Charter	Published Goals	Stakeholder Plan	Framework	Action Plan
New England RPB		Signed	X	X	Drafted	X
Mid Atlantic RPB		Ready to sign	X	In progress	Adopted	
Caribbean RPB		In progress				
Pacific Islands RPB	Nov. 19- 20, 2014	Signed	x	Further refining	Further refining*	In Frame- work

Created a website to communicate about our work

*PI RPB Framework and Work Plan: A Roadmap Towards Our CMS Plan

FRAMEWORK AND WORK PLAN: A Roadmap Towards Our Coastal and Marine Spatial Plan

Contains two parts: Framework, then Work Plan

- FRAMEWORK
 - History of PI RPB
 - Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles
 - Goal and Objectives
 - Meetings
 - Stakeholder Engagement

FRAMEWORK AND WORK PLAN: A Roadmap Towards Our Coastal and Marine Spatial Plan

- WORK PLAN
 - Restates the goal
 - Defines tasks and activities by objectives
 - Includes time frames for expected action to occur
 - Defines primary product and process outcomes

WORK PLAN:

Goal: to further the NOP through the development of a regional CMS plan that will, now and in the future, accomplish the following:

- Provide the best available and publicly accessible information on the condition and uses occurring within coastal and marine ecosystems
- Involve stakeholders and reflect local, regional and cultural priorities and rights
- Enable effective, holistic and integrated intergovernmental decision-making regarding productive uses that supports compatibility, access, commerce, and security in the coastal and marine environment
- Promote healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems and community benefits

The RPB commitment to engage stakeholders is included in three guiding principles of its charter:

- 1. Promote cultural traditions, values, and practices of the Pacific Islands as a means of managing natural resources and fostering opportunities for participation.
- 2. Support quality research and obtain the most complete scientific information and traditional ecological knowledge to assess and manage natural resources.
- 3. Promote education and outreach that fosters good stewardship and broad public participation

The SEP Explains:

- 1. Target audience
- 2. Why we engage stakeholders
- 3. How, where, and when we will engage stakeholders
- 4. Opportunities to participate

Stakeholders:

- Are those impacted by, who have a stake in, or are interested in CMSP
- Will be engaged in discussion, evaluation, and application of information during CMS Plan development
- Participation ensures full understanding of interests and interactions of ocean user groups

How, when, and where will they be engaged:

RPB meetings

- Rotated annually through jurisdictions

Workshops, conferences, and listening sessions

 Held as necessary in state or territory as appropriate based on context

Non-RPB-hosted meetings

- Every effort will be made to attend meetings in jurisdictions other than Honolulu, Hawaii

Committees and working groups

- Some may be geographic in nature, thus meetings will be held as necessary in those places accordingly

Opportunities to participate:

- Attend a meeting
- Communicate with the RPB
- ❖ Request to participate on a committee or working group
- Stay informed

CONNECTION WITH ORMP:

Chapter 3: Management Priorities for the Adaption Phase

- Management Priority #11: National Ocean Policy and Pacific Regional Ocean Initiatives
 - Describes background of NOP and that Hawaii is a member of the PLRPB
 - Goals within ORMP:
 - Increase in number of RPB meetings attended by HI representation
 - Drafting of RPB charter and work plan
 - HI spatial GIS tool developed
 - Development of spatial and marine plan for HI

CONNECTION WITH ORMP:

Chapter 4: Integrated and Coordinated Approach to Management of Ocean Resources

- National Ocean Policy Framework pg. 62
 - ❖ Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning pg. 65

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